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2016 Annual Shoreland Activities Report

2016 Shoreland
Block Grant Amount
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Directions: Please answer the following questions for your county's 2016 activities within the shoreland area (*1000 feet from lakes and 300 feet from rivers or the extent of the floodplain, whichever is greater*).

To receive a shoreland grant in 2017, this form must be completed by February 28, 2017.

Variances

Q1 List the number of shoreland variance approvals in 2016 (if zero, please enter "0" in the box):

A) OHWL setback:

B) Bluff setback:

C) Impervious surface:

D) Building height:

E) Combination of contiguous nonconforming lots of record in common ownership for sale or development (Minn. Stat. § 394.36, Subd. 5(d)):

F) Subdivision of land not meeting lot area/width standards:

G) Other (please specify): *You have left characters left in your response.*

Q2 Approximately how many approved variances for items A through D above involved new construction on a conforming lot?

Most

- About half
- Hardly any
- None

Q3 Does your county typically place conditions on approved variances?

- Yes
- No

Q4 Optional: Please describe any innovative conditions your county has required on approved variances in the last year.

**We plan to share this information with other counties, so we are looking for innovative ideas and unique, unusual, or special circumstances and solutions that other counties can learn from.*

You have left characters left in your response.

Q5 For approximately how many variance inquiries in 2016 were alternative solutions found (thus reducing the actual number of variance applications)?

- Most
- About half
- Hardly any
- None

Q6 If alternative solutions were found, what are some typical examples? Check all that apply.

- Alternative site found on property
- Size or footprint of structure or scope of project reduced
- Acquired additional land
- Redesigned project (size or scope of project reduced)
- Didn't build
- Reduced impervious coverage

Other, please describe the alternative solution:

You have left characters left in your response.

Q7 Does your county require septic system compliance inspections (system upgrades) whenever a permit or variance is granted?

- Yes
- No

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Lots & Land Subdivisions

Q8 What were the total number of lots created in 2016?

Shoreland PUD

Standard lot and block subdivision

Lot Splits (administrative subdivision)

Q9 Were any of these lots part of Resort Conversions?

- Yes
- No

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Permits

Q10 How many land use permits did your county issue in shoreland areas in 2016 for **new construction on previously undeveloped lots**:

Total # of permits for **conforming lots**

Total # of permits for **nonconforming lots**

Q11 How many land use permits did your county issue in shoreland areas in 2016 for **redevelopment** (e.g., expansion of structures, substantial improvements, new structures added to developed lots):

Total # of permits for **conforming lots**

Total # of permits for **nonconforming lots**

Q12 How many permits for grading, excavation, filling, or soil disturbance within the shore impact zone were issued in 2016?

Q13 Does your county generally inspect the work?

- Yes
- No

Q14 If so, how and when? Check all that apply.

- On-site inspection prior to construction
- On-site inspection during construction
- On-site inspection after construction
- As-built drawings and measurements required after construction
- Other

Q15 Other, please describe:
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Planning & Enforcement

Q16 Did your county update or amend its shoreland ordinance in 2016?

- Yes
 No

Q17 If yes, describe the nature of the change:
You have left characters left in your response.

Q18 Does your county have plans to amend its shoreland ordinance in 2017?

- Yes
 No

Q19 Does your county notify the DNR at least 10 days prior to public hearings for variances, CUPs, and ordinance amendments within 10 days after final decisions?

- Yes
 No

Q20 If yes:

Who do you notify?
 (name of DNR staff
 person)

How do you notify
 them? (mail, email,
 etc.)

What information do
 you provide? (notice,
 application, site
 plans, etc.)

Q21 Are there any challenges to notifying the DNR earlier, e.g., 20 days, 30 days, or more?
**We are asking this question because 10 days does not provide the DNR with sufficient time for review, particularly for ordinances, and we would like to know what most counties would consider a workable time frame.*
You have left characters left in your response.

The only challenge would be notifications more than 20-30 days. Often times we will not even have an application to be reviewed 30 days prior to a meeting.

- Q22 Which townships in your county have taken on shoreland and floodplain zoning administration? Please list the townships and describe any cooperative agreements between your county and townships:
You have left characters left in your response.

NONE

- Q23 How does your county administer shoreland provisions that restrict cutting on non-ag lands? (Please describe.)
You have left characters left in your response.

There is no clear cutting of woodlands in shoreland areas in Brown County. Is this what you are asking in this question?

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Resources/Training/Other

All of the following questions are optional.

- Q24 What shoreland-related trainings, guidance, or tools do your staff or Board of Adjustment need?
You have left characters left in your response.

It would be useful if the DNR would be willing to send out a shoreland specialist sometime to one of the Board of Adjustment meetings. I think it would be great for them to hear any changes, nuances and be able to ask questions. There are a couple new board members who this would really benefit.

- Q25 Briefly describe provisions in your shoreland ordinance that are more effective than the minimum state standards in protecting shorelands (e.g., greater setbacks, special protection districts, stormwater management provisions, vegetation standards, etc.). If there are none, please leave this blank.
You have left characters left in your response.

NONE

- Q26 We plan to share this with other counties. Would you be willing to tell us more if we contact you?
- Yes
 No

- Q27 Have any new or unanticipated issues arisen in the past year that you would like the DNR to

address or provide guidance on?
You have left characters left in your response.

Enforcing the buffer rule in shoreland areas.

Q28 Did your county pursue or consider pursuing any special initiatives or outreach efforts to protect shorelands in 2016? Please describe:
You have left characters left in your response.

Nothing currently but we will likely pursue outreach efforts when we start to enforce the buffer rule (if the County decides to be the enforcement on this issue).

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Contact Information

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Thank you for completing this form!

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